

Ensemble Experience

CASTRIES, ST. LUCIA

Ship/Sailing:	Silver Shadow	December 3, 2008
Tour Date:	December 8, 2008	
Ship Time in Port:	8:00 am	- 11:00 pm
Tour Name:	<i>The Natural Wonders of Soufriere</i>	
Full Day Tour:	Depart: 9:30 am	Return: 3:30 pm

Spend a lovely day discovering beautiful St. Lucia, beginning with a drive through bustling Castries with its colorful marketplace and the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. A brief stop at Morne Fortune offers a stunning panoramic view of the island and Castries down below. Travel on through the lush Cul de Sac and Roseau banana plantations and then through the quaint fishing villages of Anse-la-Raye and Canaries. Along the shore you may see fishermen repairing their nets and building fishing canoes. Both villages are nestled at the base of lush valleys and offer wonderful opportunities for unique photos.

Your tour continues along the winding road at the edge of the rainforest where tropical flowers and trees are abundant. Soon you will arrive in Soufriere where the beautiful and dramatic Pitons, rising 2500 feet from the sea, tower over the area. Enjoy a guided visit of the Diamond Botanical Garden and Waterfall, a spot rich in history and vivid with exotic color and flora. It is a masterpiece that combines a variety of different bright, vibrant flowers and fruit trees into a garden that will delight both photographers and flower lovers.

Then enjoy lunch at a lovely restaurant with fabulous views that you can savor as you sip a glass of champagne before tasting your delicious Creole feast. Afterwards, as you begin your journey back to Castries you will make a brief detour to the island's famous Marigot Bay, a sensational natural cove. It is famous as the site where the original Dr. Doolittle was filmed, but it was also a hideout for pirates in centuries past. Now it is a well-known safe anchorage for yachtsmen sailing the Caribbean.